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From
J.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
Post Box No.13,
Madras-1.

To
The S[illegible],
Public Works Department,
Madras.

CONFIDENTIAL
C.O.R.No.49 dated 29th June 1954.

Sir,

Sub:-Sri M.L.Advani - Port Officer - Tuticorin - Leave for visiting Kuthalam.

Ref:-Government Endt. No.49262-L/54-1 P.W., dated 24-6-1954.

I enclose herewith a copy of letter No.14(a)1386 dated 14-6-1954 received from Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin requesting permission to avail himself of the holidays on 19th and 20th June 1954 in connection with his visit to Kuthalam falls. He was granted a day's casual leave on the 19th June with permission to avail himself of Sunday the 20th instant - vide my Memo No.2214-G1/54-1, dated 16-6-1954, copy attached. He has since reported that he has resumed duty on the Forenoon of 21-6-54.

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

ENCLOSURES.

From the Port Officer, Tuticorin.
To the State Port Officer, Madras.
No.14(a)/1386 dated 14-6-54.

Tuticorin Port Officer - Permission to avail of Holidays on 19/20-6-1954 - Requested.

I propose to visit Kuthalam falls during the next week end leaving Tuticorin on 18-6-1954 After-noon and returning to Headquarters on 21-6-1954 Fore-noon and request that I may please be permitted to avail of holidays on 19th and 20th June,54.

The Port and Port Trust Offices will be in charge of respective Head Clerks during my absence.

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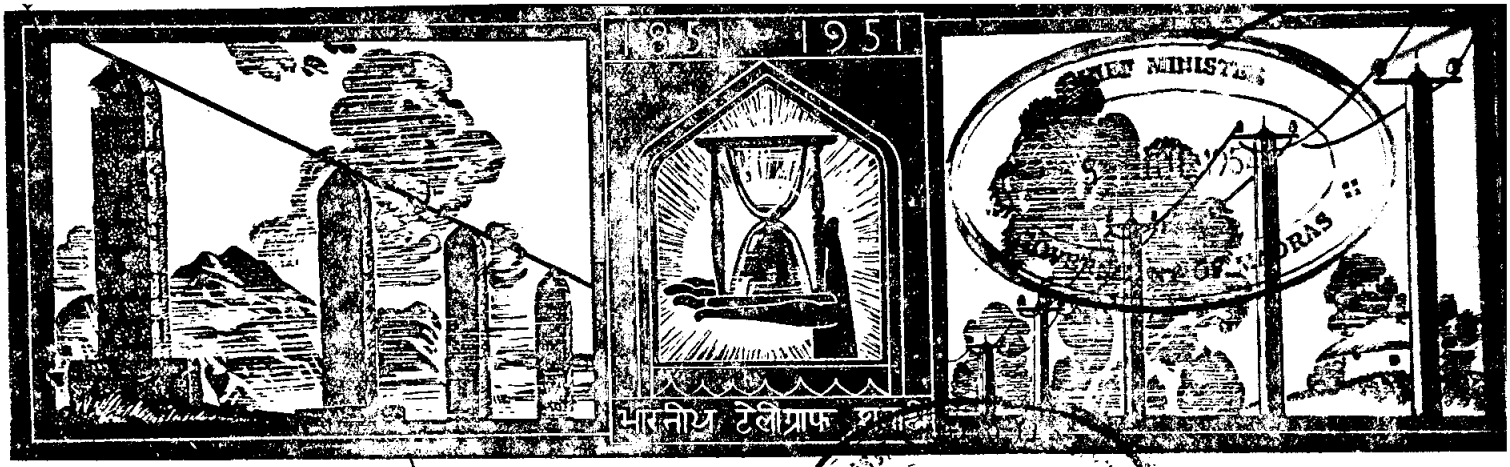
From the State Port Officer, Madras.
To the Port Officer, Tuticorin.
No.2214-G1/54-1 dated 16-6-54.

Tuticorin Port Officer - Permission to avail of holidays on 19/20-6-54 - Your letter No.14(a)/1386 dated 14-6-1954.

You may avail yourself of one day's casual leave on 19-6-54. With reference to para 24(a) of the Madras Port Manual, the working hours of the Port Establishments at out-ports are the same as the working hours of the corresponding Sea Customs Establishments. The Customs have no holiday on the 19th June(Penultimate Saturday). Hence a day's casual leave on 19-6-1954 is granted with permission



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Memo No. 492624/54-2

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticor Allegations.

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A copy of telegram date 1st July 1954 from Sri. Guruswamy of Tuticorin is forwarded to the S.P.O. for necessary action.

8.7.54

To: The S.P.O. with a copy of p.5 c.f.

STEVEDORE LABOURER'S UNION, TUTICORIN.

(REGISTERED UNDER TRADE UNION ACT.)

கப்பல் கூலித் தொழிலாளர் சங்கம், தூத்துக்குடி.

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GOVT. OF MADRAS

gd. No. 1682. Dated 26 th July 1954.

The Honourable Minister,
Public Works Department,
M A D R A S.

SECY., P.W.D.

Minister (W)

Sir,

Sub:- Labour - Tuticorin Port complaint against the Port Officer, Tuticorin request for enquiry.

We regret to bring to your kind notice that Mr. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin is of late mingling too much with the employers against the interest of the workmen connected with Tuticorin Port. Whenever there is any dispute between the employees and the employers connected with the Port work, he is always taking sides with the employers against the worke This is causing much annoyence amongst the workers and it is not proper o the part of the Government to allow a Government Officer in such responsi post to have any unholy alliance with the money bags. For instance rece there has been some disagreement between a section of the Stevedore and t workmen in Tuticorin Port. We understand from reliable source that at t instance of the local Stevedores Charles Missier Sons, Wilfred Fernandez, Louis Fernandez, and M/s. I.S. & C. Machado, the Port Officer, Mr. Advani, took the extraordinary interest of convening a meeting of all the Stevedo at Tuticorin, between 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. at the premises of the Port Office and conspired for effective anti-labour activities against this Union. also learn that the Port Officer himself drafted a petition addressed to Labour Officer, Palayamcottai, and took the pain of delivering that lette to the labour Officer the same night using his office peon as a special messenger for this purpose.

We are at a loss to understand why the office premises of the Port-Trust should have been allowed to be used for the conspiracy meeting of the Stevedores and the Port Officer, and his office peon paid by the Government should act as advocate and messenger of the Stevedores.

We feel that this is a serious act on the part of the Port Officer and we request the Government to make necessary enquiry in the matter and take suitable action, so that there may not be any recurrence of this natu

We may also suggest that the Government be pleased to substitute the present Port Officer with the more enlightened and sympathatic officer if it does not inconvenience the department much.

Yours faithfully,

HON. SECRETARY.

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Memo No. 49262 L/54-3 dt 19.8

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 49262 L/54-2 dated 9-7-54

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A copy of Letter dated 26-7-54 from the Secretary, Stevedore Labourer's Un: Tuticorin is forwarded to the S.P.O. for enq: and report, in continuation of the memorandum cited.

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The S.P.O. (with a copy of p. 9 c.f.)

Copy to the C.T.P.T. (with a copy of p.9 c.f.)

P.W.D(L-3)

Memo No. 49262 L/54-2 dated 22.

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer,Tuticorin - Allegatic

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 49262 L/54-2 dated 9-7-54
Govt. Memo No. 49262 L/54-3 dated 19-8-54.

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The S.P.O. is requested to expedite his report, and say when it ma be expected.

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From:
L.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
P.B.No.13,
Madras-1.

To:
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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No.COR 72 dated 24th September 1954.

Sir,

Port Department - Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations - Government Memo No. 49262-L/54-4 P.W. dated 22-9-54.

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The remarks from the Chairman, Port Trust, uticorin have been called for and they are awaited. report will be sent to Government on receipt of a reply rom him.

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

P.I.D(L-5)

Memo No. 49262 A/54-5 dt 21.10.54

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani,
Port Officer,Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: From the S.P.O.No.COR 72 dated 21-9-54.

The S.P.O. is requested to expedite his reply and say when it may be expected.

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CONFIDENTIAL

From
L.H. Cornish, Esq.,
State Port Officer,
P.B.No.13,
Madras 1.

To
The Chairman,
Port Trust,
Tuticorin.

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C.O.R.No.78, dated 21-10-1954.

Sir,

Sub:- Port Department - Sri M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref:- Confidential Government Memos.No.49262-L/54-2, dated 9-7-54 and No.49262-L/54-3, dated 19-8-54 - My Confd letter No.2500 G1/54-1, dated 11-7-54, Confdl endt.C.O.R.No.64, dated 24-8-54 & Reminder C.O.R.No. dated 23-9-54.-

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I request to be informed when a reply to the references cite may be expected.

L.H. Cornish,
State Port Officer.

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C.O.R.No.78-1.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras in continuation of my Confdl. C.O.R.No.72, d.24-9-54. report will be submitted to Government on receipt of a reply from Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin.

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Lr, AR t.u 15.11.54.

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State Port Officer.

From:
L.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
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To:
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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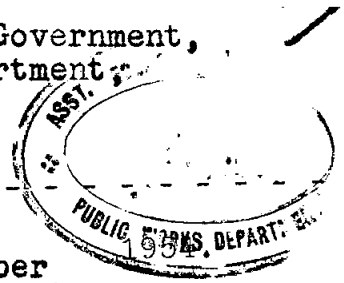

No. COR 91 dated 6th November

Sir,

Port Department - Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations - Confdl. Government Memo No.49262 L/54-5, P.W. dated 21-10-54.

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I have to state that the Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin, was requested to offer his remarks on the following.-

1. Copy of telegram dated 1-7-54 from Sri Guruswamy; Tuticorin to the Chief Minister, Madras, received with Confdl. Govt. Memo No.49262-L/54-2 P.W. dated 9-7-54.

2. Copy of letter dated 26-7-54 from the Secretary, Stevedore Labourer's Union, Tuticorin received with Confdl. Govt. Memo No.49262-L/54-3 P.W. d/ 19-8-54.

I have had no reply from the Chairman, till date in spite of 3 letters (the last letter dated 27-10-1954 having been sent by Registered Port, Acknowledgment Due) and 2 reminders issued to him on 29-7-54 and 23-9-54.

2. In this connection, I also invite a reference to Confidential Government Memo No.58905 L/54-4 P.W. dated 22-9-54 issued to the Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust, calling for his reply in connection with certain allegations from the Secretary, Town Congress Committee, Tuticorin against Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer Tuticorin with reference to my confidential letter to Government No.98 G1/54-5 dated 22-7-54.

3. In the circumstances, I request the orders of Government the matter.

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

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Endt. No 492624/52-6 dt 11-7-54

Copy forwarded to the C.T.P.T. for confirmation of D.O.No. 589054/52-6 dated 4.11.54. He is requested to send his reply to the S.P.O. immediately with a copy to the Govt.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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D.O. C.O.R.No.93

State Port Office,
P.B.No.13,
Madras, 11-11-1954.

Dear Sri Sekhara Menon,

Sub:- Port Department - Sri M.L. Advani - Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.
Ref:- Your Confdl. D.O.No.12.C.54, dated 6-11-54.

As requested in your D.O. cited, I enclose herewith copies of the following Confidential letters referred to in my letter C.O.R.No.78, dated 21-10-54.

1. Copy of Confdl. Government Memo No.49262-1/54-2, P.W., dated 9-7-54.
2. -do- -do- 49262-1/54-3, P.W., dated 18-8-54.
3. Copy of my Confdl. letter No.2500 G1/54-1, dated 11-7-54.
4. Copy of my Confdl. endt.C.O.R.No.64, dated 24-8-5
5. Copy of my Confdl. letter C.O.R.No.71, dated 23-9-1954.

2. It is presumed you have on your files Government Endt.No.10647/53-1, P.W., dated 26-12-53 and my Confdl. No.98 G1/54-1, dated 15-1-54.

Yours sincerely,

Shri K.P. Sekhara Menon, B.A.,
Chairman,
Port Trust, Tuticorin.

L. H. Cornish.
State Port Officer.

Copy, together with a copy of D.O. referred to above to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras in continuation of my Confdl. letter to Government C.O.R.No.91, dated 6-11-54.

STATE PORT OFFICER

Confdl. No.12 & 54.
D.O.

Port Trust Office,
Tuticorin, 6th Nov.

Sir,

Sub:- Port Department - Sri M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref:- Your confidential 30R No.78, dated 21-10-54.

I shall be grateful if you would kindly furnish me with copies of confidential letters referred to in your reference cited.

I have taken over charge of the office on 18-10-54 A.N. and have not been able to trace the connected files.

Yours sincerely,

K.P. Sekhara Menon.

To
L.H. Cornish, Esq.,
State Port Officer.
Madras.

(True copy)

State Port Officer.

CONFIDENTIAL

From
L.H. Cornish, Esq.,
State Port Officer,
P.B.No.13,
Madras 1.58905

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECTT. PUBLIC 24/III/1954

No.98 G1/54-5, dated 22-7-1954.

Sir,

Sub:- Copy of petition dated 4-12-53 from the Secretary Town Congress Committee, Tuticorin and Government Confidential Endorsement No.106477 L/53-1, P.W. dated 26-12-53.

I invite a reference to the Government endorsement cited. The Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin, was requested to intimate me the action taken by him, on the petition dated 4-12-53, of the Secretary, Town Congress Committee, Tuticorin. No reply has been forth coming inspite of two letters to him, dated 15-1-54 and 2-4-54, respectively, two further D.O. letters have also been addressed to the Chairman, Sri V.K.C.Natarajan, M.A., on 7-5-54, and 26-5-54, - Vide copies attached - the last one was sent by registered post, ; Still there has been no reply from him.

2. In the circumstances, I request orders of Government in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

Encls. 2:

D.O.No.98 G1/54-3.

State Port Office,
Madras, 7th May 1954.

Dear Sri Natarajan,

I invite a reference to Government Condifential Endt.No. 106477 L/53-1, P.W., dated 26-12-1953 and my Confidential letters No.98 G1/54-1, and No.98 G1/54-2, dated 15-1-54 and 2-4-54 respectively requesting you to inform me of the action taken by you on a petition dated 4-12-53 received from the Secretary, Town Congress Committee, Tuticorin containing certain allegations against Sri M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin. No reply has so far been received. Will you please therefore give your personal attention and inform me of the action taken by you on the petition ?

Yours faithfully,

L.H. Cornish,

To
Sri V.K.C.Natarajan, M.A.,
Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin.

Confidential
D.O.No.98 G1/54-4.

State Port Office,
Madras, 26-5-54.

Dear Sri Natarajan,

Sub:- Petition d.4-12-53 containing certain allegations against Sri M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin from the Secretary, Town Congress Committee, Tuticorin, copy forwarded to you with Government Confdl. endt.No.106477 L/53-1, P.W. d. 26-12-53.

Ref:- My D.O.No.98 G1/54-3. d. 7-5-54.

In continuation of my D.O. cited, will you please let me know the action taken by you on the above petition. I request you will please acknowledge receipt of this D.O.

Yours sincerely,

To
Sri V.K.C. Natarajan, M.A
Chairman, Port Trust,
Tuticorin.

State Port Officer.

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Memo No 58905 H/54-1 dt. 28-7-54

Sub. Port Department - Sri. M.L. Advani
Port Officer - Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Govt. Endt. No. 106477 dt/53-1
dated 26-12-53

The attention of the C.T.P.T is invited to the reference cited and he is requested to report immediately the action taken by him in the matter.

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Memo No. 58905 L/54.2 dt 28

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani,
Port Officer,Tuticorin - Allegation

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 58905 L/54-1 dated
28th July 1954.

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The C.T.P.T. is requested to expedite his reply and to say when his reply may be expected.

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Memo No. 58905 L/54-2 dt 22-9-5

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Po Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 58905 L/54-1 dated 28-
Govt. Memo No. 58905 L/54-2 dated 28-

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The C.T.P.T. is requested to expedite his reply and say when it may be expected. Govt. Memo No. 58905 M/54-2 dated 28th August 1954 has not yet been re to.

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P.W.D(L-3)

D.O.No. 58905 L/54-5 dt 21.10.54

~~My dear~~ Dear Natarajan,

Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Govt.Memo No. 58905 L/54-1 dated 28th July 1954.

I am to invite reference to the memorandum cited and to the subsequent reminders dated 28th August 1954 and 22nd September 1954, on the above subject, and to request you to look into the matter personally and see that the reply is expedited.

Yours sincerely,

Sri.V.K.C.Natarajan,M.A.
Chairman,T.P.T.

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PORT TRUST OFFICE,

Tuticorin, 29th October 1954

Sir,

Sub: Port Department - Sri M. L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Your confidential D.O.58905-L/54-5 dated 21-10-54 addressed to Sri V.K.C.Natarajar

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I shall be grateful if you would kindly furnis me with a copy of Government Memorandum No.58905-L/54-1 dated 28-7-54 referred to in your D.O. cited so as to enable me to submit my report to the Government on the subject.

I have taken over charge of the office on 18--10--1954 A.N. and have not been able to trace the file under reference.

Yours sincerely,

(K. P. SEKHARA MENON)

To
Sri S. Krishnamachari,
Assistant Secretary to Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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P.T.D(L-3)

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D.O.No. 58905 L/54-624/54

Dear Sri Sekhara Menon,

Sub: Port Department -
Sri.M.L. Advani, P.O.
Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Your D.O. 9C 54 dated 29-10-54.

I am ~~directed~~ to forward herewith copies of the references noted in the margin and to request you to trace the papers and to report what action was taken in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

4-11-54

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- Copy Govt.Endt.No.196477 L/53-1 dated 26-12-53 together with a copy of the Tamil petition.
- Copy of S.P.O's letter No. 98 G1/54-5 dated 22-7-54.
- Copy of Govt.Memo No.53905 L/54-5 dated 28-7-54.

Sri.K.P. Sekhara Menon,
Chairman, Tuticorin Port Trust, Tuticorin.

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TUTICORIN PORT TRUST.

L.Dis No. 13/C/54

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From

Sri K. P. Sekhara Menon, B.A.,
Chairman, Port Trust,
Tuticorin.

To

The State Port Officer,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Port Department - Sri M. L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: Government Memorandum No.49262-I/54-2 dated 6-7-54 and No.49262-L/54-3 dated 19-8-1954. Your confidential D.O. C.O.R.No.93 dated 11-11-1954.

I have carefully enquired into the matter and offer the following remarks.

Relations between the stevedore contractors and stevedore Labour Union at the Port have been strained since early this year.

On 25-5-1954 Sri M.N. Marcarenhas, Union Secretary entered the foreshore and instigated stevedore labour working on M.V."Horst Arlt" lying alongside the pier to strike work. Such conduct within Board's premises being highly objectionable and being an abuse of the privilege to enter the foreshore granted to the Union Secretary he was required to show cause why the permit granted to him should not be withdrawn. In his explanation Sri M. N. Marcarenhas contended that he was only doing his duty as Secretary of the Stevedore Labourers Union. This explanation being most unsatisfactory he was warned against repetition of such conduct on the pain of withdrawal of the privilege granted to him in letter No.6(3)/1420 dated 23-6-54 under the orders of the Chairman.

The relations between the stevedore Labour Union and the employers continued to worsen and the Labour Officer called for a meeting of the parties concerned at the Port Office on 15-6-54. At the suggestion of the Labour Officer the meeting was also attended by the Port Officer and with his assistance the differences between the parties were ironed out. It was hoped that after the reconciliation of differences the work of the Port would go on smoothly but this was not the case. The Union Secretary was reported to continue to make last minute irregular demands and in cases where these were not complied with the Labour went on lightening strikes.

The Government in their Memorandum No.48322-F/54-2 dated 21-6-1954 informed the Chairman, Port Trust that the Minister for Agriculture desired to discuss with him the question of permitting Mechanically propelled vessels coming alongside the jetties and wharves at the Port of Tuticorin and the objections of the Boatmen's Union, Tuticorin thereto during his visit to Tuticorin on 26-6-54. As the Chairman had to go out of station on other important business, he deputed the vice-Chairman and the Port Officer to wait on the Minister in this connection. During discussions the Minister elicited information regarding

e technical aspects of berthing mechanically propelled ssels alongside the piers and necessary information was rnished by the Port Officer. Later the Minister met the presentatives of Boatowners and Labour Unions including Sri N. Mascarenhas, Secretary of the Boatmen and Stevedore bour Unions and informed them that their request to stop e mechanically propelled vessels from coming alongside the ers could not be granted. The Minister is also understood to have advised the parties through the Labour Officer against continuous labour trouble.

On 28-6-1954 a deputation of stevedores called at the Port office and made representations against the stevedore Labour Union officials for taking the law in their hands. The Port Officer had been responsible for reconciling the differences between the parties at the meeting held on 15-6-54 and as the situation appeared to have become grave and if allowed to continue was likely to have serious repurcussions on the working of the Port, he with the approval of the Chairman immediately informed the Labour Officer about the situation in his confidential letter No.31(b)2/1506 dated 28-6-54 (copy enclosed) despatched through special messenger and suggested that he should come to Tuticorin immediately and advise the labour leaders to show a greater sense of responsibility.

The telegram dated 1-7-54 from Sri Gurusamy and letter dated 26-7-54 from the Secretary, Stevedore Union are obviously the result of (1) the Minister having declined to comply with the request of the Boatmen's Union against berthing of steam vessels alongside the wharves (2) warning administered to Sri M.N. Mascarenhas in letter No.6(H)/1420 dated 23-6-54 against abuse of privilege and (3) confidential letter No.31(b)2/1506 dated 28-6-54 to the Labour Officer.

The statement of the Secretary, Stevedore Union in his letter dated 26-7-54 that Sri Advani took the extraordinary interest of convening a meeting of all the stevedores at Tuticorin between 5-00 and 6-00 P.M. at the premises of the Port Office and conspired for anti-labour activities against the Union and he himself drafted a petition addressed to the Labour Officer, Palayamcottai etc. is imaginary and is based on misconception. In his capacity as Port Officer and Traffic Manager Sri Advani is responsible for the smooth working of the Port and it is his function to see that proper discipline is maintained within the Board's premises and everything is done to avert any crisis that may endanger the future prosperity of the Port. The letter No.31(b)2/1506 dated 28-6-54 to the Labour Officer was sent by the Port Officer after careful verification of the facts in the proper discharge of his duties.

The allegations are based on misconception and malice

In this connection a reference is also solicited my confidential letter No.3 C 54 dated 28-10-54 and .11 C 54 dated 6-11-54 to Government and copies endorsed you.

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN.

py submitted to the Secretary to Government of Madras, blic Works Department, Madras with reference to his confi- ntial endorsement No.49262-L/54-6 dated 11-11-54.

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py of confidential letter No.31(b)2/1506 dated 28--6--1954 om the Port Officer, Tuticorin to the Labour Officer, runelveli at Palayamcottai.

Sub: Tuticorin - Stevedore Labour.

A deputation of stevedore contractors met me this ternoon and complain that in spite of Minister's advice rough you on 26--6--54 the stevedore labour Union officials ve taken the law in their hands and on Saturday stopped work S.S."Jalaranga" at 4-00 P.M. without completion of boats ing alongside. The labour also did not proceed to the coal ip at midnight as usual but left at about 6-00 A.M. this rning. Other ships are also being similarly affected.

A large number of vessels are due to arrive at the rt this week and as the situation appears to be becoming ave and if allowed to continue is likely to have serious rcussions on the working of the Port, I suggest that you ld go to Tuticorin immediately and use your good offices to vise the union leaders to show a greater sense of respon- bility.

From:
L.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
P.B.No.13,
Madras-1.
Madras-1.

To:
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
25 NOV 1954

No. COR 98 dated 24th Novr. 1954.

Sir

Port Department - Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer, Tuticor
Allegations - Government Memos No.49262-L/54-2 P.W. da
9-7-54 and No.49262-L/54-3 P.W. dated 19-8-54.

I invite a reference to Confidential Letter L.Dis.N
13/C/54 dated 20-11-54 from the Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin
addressed to me with a copy to Government on the above subject, a
state that in the circumstances stated by the Chairman, I consi
that no further action is necessary in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

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Port Department - Sri K. L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin
Allegations.
Government Endorsement No.106477-L/53-1 dated 26--12--1953
D.O.No.58905-L/54 dated 4--11--1954.

No.12/C/54 Tuticorin Port Trust Of
Dated the 20 November 1

From

Sri K. P. Sekhara Menon, B.A.,
Chairman, Port Trust,
Tuticorin.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement cited, I
bmit the following remarks on the allegations contained i
ie petition dated 4-12-53 from the Secretary, Town Congres
mmittee, Tuticorin for favour of information of Governm

. Discharge of Sri M. B. Gomez, Dredging Master & Navigato

A reference is solicited to this office No.3 C 54
ted 25--1--1954 and Government confidential Memorandum
P221-F/53-3 dated 7--4--1954. As already explained Sri
mez was discharged from service under condition 6 of hi
ent in pursuance of Board's Resolution No.320 dated 1?-11-
fter being given all reasonable opportunities to offer hi
planation to the charges framed against him. The decisi
e Board was taken after mature consideration of all aspec
the case and the Board was convinced that the failure of
redging Master was wanton. The Board felt that it could n
on giving him extension of time for offering his explan
d thereby fall in line with his dilatory tactics to the
trment of its interests.

Subsequently the Board also considered the appeal
e Dredging Master for reinstatement together with his exp
ation to the charges submitted with the appeal and after v
mpathetic consideration found that the charges framed ag
i remained unrebutted. The Board in its resolution No.2(
ted 12-1-1954 therefore decided that there was no justific
atsoever for altering the decision already taken.

. anding of valuable silks and other articles without pay
Customs duty.

No evidence in support of this statement has been
ished. In this connection it is interesting to note that
ri .... Gomez has nowhere in his explanation or appeal m
y such allegation. It is reasonable to believe that had
dvani at any time attempted at smuggling through the dred
suggested the Dredging Master under the circumstances w
ave been the first to give prominence to such conduct of
ort Officer in his own interests.

at the Port are boarded by the Customs officials who either stay on board throughout the ship's stay in Port or if that is not practicable seal up the ship's stores and other valuable articles.

3. Sri Sankaranarayana Pillai, Communist leader.

The decisions to remove Sri V.B. Gomez from service (Resolution No.320 dated 12--11--1953) and rejection of his appeal (Resolution No.26 dated 12-1-54) were taken by the Board jointly and unanimously. Reference to Sri Sankaranarayana Pillai alone in this connection is obviously an act of malice.

The statement that Sri Advani had recommended that Sri Sankaranarayana Pillai should continue to be the Trustee is contrary to facts.

None of the dismissed workers have so far been reinstated. In this connection a reference is also solicited to Government Memorandum No.80491-F/53-1 dated 21-10-53.

The petition has clearly been instigated by Sri V.B. Gomez, ex.Dredging Master of this department and/or his sympathisers and has no relation to truth. Sri Ponnusamy Nadar, President of the Tuticorin Town Congress Committee, who has also been consulted in this connection is also of the same view. I therefore consider that no action is necessary in this case.

Yours faithfully,

20/4/54

CHAIRMAN.

Copy forwarded to the State Port Officer, Madras with reference to his confidential No.93 G1/54-5 dated 28-7-54 to Secretary, to Government, Public Works Department, Madras.

Advani

From:
L.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
P.B.No.13,
Madras-1.
Madras-1.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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No. COR 99 dated 24th Novr. 1954.

Sir,

Port Department - Sri M.L.Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations - Confdl. Government Endt. No.106477 L/53-1 P.W dated 26-12-1953.

I invite a reference to confidential letter L.Dis.No. 12/c/54 dated 20-11-54 from the Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin addressed to Government with a copy to me on the above subject and state that I am of the opinion that the reasons offered by the Chairman may be accepted and no further action taken in the matter

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin
Allegations - Further action dropped
Papers Recorded

Ref: From the C.T.P.T. No. L. Dis. No 15
dated 20.11.52
—— do —— L. Dis. No 12/C/52
dated 20.11.52
From the S.P.O No COR 98 of 24.
—— do —— COR 99 of 24.11.

G.O. Ms. No 4447 — Dt 17-12-5

Recorded.

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Sub: Port Department - Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin - Allegations.

Ref: From Sri Guruswamy Telegram dated 21-6-54
Endt.No. 49262 L/54-1 dated 24-6-54.
From the S.P.O.No. C.O.R.49 dated 29-6-54.
From Sri.Guruswamy telegram dated 1-7-54.

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Please see the telgram from Sri. Guruswamy at pp. 1 and 5 c.f. and the S.P.O's letter at p. 3 c.f. With reference to the telegram at p. 1 c.f. the S.P.O. has reported that Sri.M.L. Advani Port Officer, Tuticorin was granted casual leave on 19-6-54 with permission to avail of the holiday on 20-6-54, in connection with his visit to Kuttalam falls.

With reference to the telegram at p. 5 c.f. it is for consideration whether a copy of the telegram may be forwarded to the S.P.O. for ~~disposal~~ necessary action. A draft memo is submitte With reference to the Endt. at p. 2 c.f. it doe not appear necessary to remind the C.T.P.T., in view of the S.P.O's letter at p. 3 c.f.

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p2 c/f Issued as Endt.No.49262 L/54-1 dated 24-6-54.

p7 c/f Issued as Memo No.49262 L/54-2 dated 9-7-54.

p9 c/f From the Secy.Stevedore Labourer's Union, Tuticorin dated 26-7-54.

p11 c/f Issued as Memo No. 49262 L/54-3 dated 19-8-54

p1-15c/f From the C.T.P.T.No.L.Dis.No.13/C/54 dated 20-11-54.

p17c/f From the S.P.O.C.O.R.No.98 dated 24-11-54.

p18-21c/f From the C.T.P.T.No.L.DisNo.12/C/54 dated 20-11-54.

p23c/f From the S.P.O.No. COR 99 dated 24-11-54.

The case relates to certain allegations against Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin.

2. In Endt.No. 106477 L/53-1 dated 26-12-53, a copy of a Tamil petition dated 4-12-53 from Secretary, Town Congress Committee Tuticorin containing certain allegations against Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin, was forwarded to the S.P.O. and the C.T.P.T. for necessary action. In Memo No. 49262 L/54-2 dated 9-7-54 a copy of a telegram dated 1-7-54 from Sri. Guruswamy was forwarded to the S.P.O. for necessary action and report. In Memo No. 49262 L/54-3 dated 19-8-54 a copy of letter dated 26-7-54 from the Secretary, Stevedore Labourers' Union, Tuticorin was also forwarded to the S.P.O. for enquiry and report.

3. The following are the allegations contained in the various petitions:-

(1) that the Port Officer, Tuticorin, was responsible for the unjust dismissal of Sri. Gomez, Dredging Master;

(2) that the Port Officer used to bring from Colombo, valuable silks and other articles for himself and his wife, without paying customs duty and that when the Dredging Master, Sri. Gomez refused to comply with the request of the Port Officer, there was ill-feeling;

(3) that fearing that his illegal actions will be made public by Sri. Gomez, the Port Officer took steps to dismiss the Dredging Master from service;

(4) that for this purpose the Port Officer took sides with Sri.Sankaranarayana

Pillai, Communist leader and that Port Officer recommended that Sri Sankaranarayana Pillai should continue to be the Trustee;

(5) that the Port Officer influenced by the capitalists took sides and harassed the Port workers:

(6) that the Port Officer was mingling too much with the employers against the interest of the workmen and that whenever there was dispute the Port Officer was taking sides with the employers against the workers;

(7) that Sri.M.L. Advani should be transferred and another sympathetic Port Officer posted in his place.

3. The reports of the C.T.P.T. in regard to the above allegations will be found at pp. 41-45 c.f. and 49-51 c.f. The C.T.P.T. states that the allegations contained in the telegram at p. 5 c.f. and the letter from the Secy. Stevedore Labourer's Union at p. 9 c.f. are based on misconception and malice on the part of interested parties and He therefore considers that no action is necessary. As regards the allegations contained in the Tamil petition dated 4-12-53 from the Secy. Town Congress Committee, the C.T.P.T. states that the petition has been instigated by Sri.M.B. Gomez, Ex-Dredging Master and/or his sympathisers and has no relation to truth. He therefore considers that no action is necessary in this case also. The S.P.O. states that for the reasons offered by the C.T.P.T. no further action is necessary in the matter.

4. It may be mentioned that in January 1953 certain allegations against Sri.M.L. Advani, Port Officer, Tuticorin and Sri.F.D.Morais, Engineer, Tuticorin were enquired into by the C.T.P.T. and it was reported that the allegations were frivolous and without foundation.

5. In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether further action will be dropped and the papers recorded.

6. The file may be circulated to M(W) and C.M. for orders.

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The allegations seem to be the work of some disgruntled persons. May be kept

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M(W) Comparisons — 14/12.

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A draft order is submitted

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